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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in
forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the
Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my
thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me,
of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again,
if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know
what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with
Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is
a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

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Weekend Masses

St. Joseph’s Wonthaggi

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

Our Lady Star of the Sea Inverloch

Sunday 9am

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday Inverloch 11:00am
(followed by Rosary)

Wednesday Wonthaggi 9:30am

Thursday Rose Lodge 10.15am

Friday Wonthaggi 9:30am

Saturday Wonthaggi 9:30am
(This Mass is not considered as part of the Vigil or Sunday Mass obligation.)

Benediction

Wonthaggi: 9:00am before
Mass First Friday of month

Inverloch: 10.30am before
11.00am Mass First Tuesday of
Month

Reconciliation Times

Wonthaggi Before 5:30pm Mass
Saturday and upon request

Inverloch Before 9:00am Mass
Sunday

Safeguarding Officer

We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with the Parish Child Safety Officer.

The officer, Kaye Carew can be contacted through the Parish Office.
03 56 721 111

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Gospel Acclamation See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.



“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.”

Matthew 20:1

Please Pray For

Recently Deceased: Bernie Kelly

Anniversaries: Ruby Wells

For the deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. "May they rest in peace"

We pray for the sick, lonely and those suffering from illness and pain. May God's merciful love shine on them.

Parish Rosters

WONTHAGGI 26th Sep 27th Sep
Greeting/Reader: Janice C J Bordignon
Sacristan: L Akers C Gow
Special Minister: K Carew D Gardner

INVERLOCH Sunday 27th Sep
Reader D Leslie
Special Minister J de Bondt

Our Offerings To God.

Presbytery (1st Collection) \$961.85
Planned Giving \$2,021.00
(Amount pledged per week \$1,975.68)
Cash Donations \$234.70
(2nd Collection)

Cuppa after Mass

Wonthaggi: First weekend of the Month
Inverloch: First Sunday of the Month

Everyone is welcome; especially visitors

Baptisms / RCIA

Please contact the Parish Office

Weddings

At least six months' notice requested.

Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Joseph's Wonthaggi and/or Our Lady Star of the Sea Inverloch.

If you are new to the Parish or have changed your details or need Thanksgiving Envelopes, please complete your details and drop the form on a Collection plate or drop off to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

New Parishioner ☐ Change of Address or Phone # ☐

Thanksgiving: Envelopes ☐ or Electronically ☐

Pledge Amount\$ Frequency

Parish / Diocese News

Parish Office will be closed on Friday 25th September due to AFL Football Final public holiday.

St. Joseph's Parish Meditation Group—the Meditation Group will not meet during the School Holidays. The group will meet on Tuesday 6th Oct.

World Youth Day 2027 will be held in Seoul, South Korea: The Catholic Diocese of Sale and DOSCEL are jointly coordinating the Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day, Seoul 2027, led by Bishop Greg Bennet. The approximate date is 30 July 2027 to 8th August 2027 and the pilgrimage is open to young people aged 16-35 years. For more information please contact Fr Aneesh

Fr Aneesh will be commissioning those volunteers who attended the Liturgy of the Word workshop during the Masses this weekend.

Nepal Floods: Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal.

Fr Aneesh's last Mass with our Parish will be on the weekend 3/4 Oct. A leaving collection as a token of our appreciation will be held on the weekend 26/27 Sep and a card will be at both Churches to sign. As this is cuppa weekend, please bring a plate.

Prayer Shawl Group will next meet on WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER @ 10.30 n the Inverloch Church Annex. New members are always welcome. Wool & simple patterns are available.

Save the Date: Wednesday Nov 25th for our end of year night out . Details TBC.

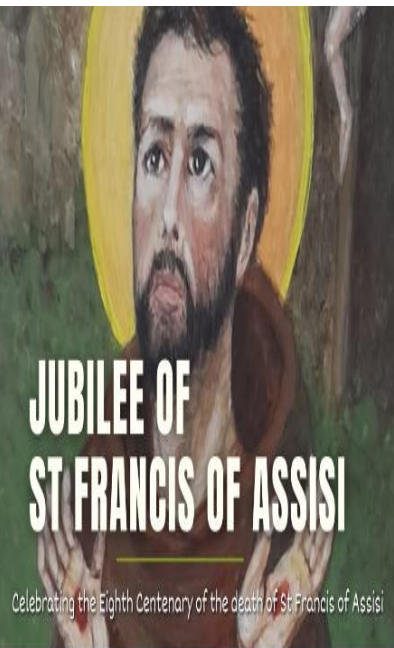
Enquiries: Philippa Warby 0408 331 340 Maureen Maartensz 0407 055 447

Prayer Group will not meet during the School Holidays

BAPTISM

We welcome Poppy-Mae Jeffries into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

May God bless her and guide her always and may the family be supported by our prayers and love.



Bishop Greg Bennet invites the people of the Diocese of Sale to join a pilgrimage celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year. This pilgrimage is a sacred journey—not of distance, but of the heart. Benambra is set amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains. This pilgrimage takes us to the only church in the Diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

Transitus St Mary's Benambra
6:00pm An opening liturgy to mark the solemn commencement of our pilgrimage.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

Morning Prayer St Mary's Benambra
8:30 am We gather for Morning Prayer before taking our first steps on the journey.

Jubilee Mass St Francis of Assisi, Benambra
12:00pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese.

Blessing of Pets
All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing.

Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle
We will gather at the footy club. Please bring a plate to share.

Conclude Immaculate Conception, Omeo
3:00 pm Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for our final prayers and departure.

St Mary's
Corner of Pyke Street and Main St, Bairnsdale

St Francis of Assisi Immaculate Conception
MacFarlane Rd, Benambra 79 Day St, Omeo

More information visit www.doscel.org.au

 **DIOCESAN WOMEN'S EVENT**

You are cordially invited to join the women of the diocese for a dinner and talk by Dr Kim Daniels celebrating the strength, resilience and expanding horizons of women in the life and mission of the Catholic Church

**NAVIGATING THE UNSEEN
WOMEN LEADING WITH
RESILIENCE**

 **DR. KIM DANIELS**

7:00 pm Oct 14th
St. Patrick's Parish Hall,
Pakenham

Kim Daniels directs the initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University, where she is an adjunct theology professor & Mission Advisory Board member. She served on the Vatican Dicastery for Communication (2016–2026) and as a Synod on Synodality expert leading digital mission study. An advisor to Catholic leaders—including the USCCB—on religious liberty, immigration, and human dignity, Kim holds degrees from Princeton University and the University of Chicago Law School.

To register, scan QRcode or visit trybooking.com/DOZKU

COST: \$30/ person
Tickets Essential.
Register by October 4th

Dinner and soft drinks provided



March for the Babies 2026

Babies' Lives Depend on You!
Vote PRO-LIFE

Join us as we peacefully walk through the city of Melbourne to protest the current abortion laws in Victoria

MELBOURNE
Saturday 10th October 2026
1pm at Treasury Gardens
(Corner of Spring Street & Wellington Parade)

• Signs provided • Please leave loudspeakers, horns etc at home

Please Wear Pink and/or Blue

HYMNS for ST JOSEPH'S WONTHAGGI CHURCH

GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.

1. We, the daughters and sons of
him
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has
done
in ev'ry heart that sings.

2. In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save.

3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
to answer those who pray.

4. God has watered our barren land
and spent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full
for anyone to drink.

UNANG ALAY

Fr Rey Magnaye

Chorus

**Kunin at tanggapin ang alay
na ito
Mga biyayang nagmula sa
pagpapala Mo
Tanda ng bawat pusong
'pagkat inibig Mo
Ngayo'y nananalig,
nagmamahal sa 'Yo**

Tinapay na nagmula sa butil
ng trigo
Pagkaing nagbibigay ng buhay
Mo

na nagmula sa isang tangkay
ng ubas
Inuming nagbibigay ng lakas
Chorus

Lahat ng mga lungkot, ligaya't
pagsubok
Lahat ng lakas at kahinaan ko
Inaalay kong lahat buong
pagkatao
Ito ay isusunod sa 'Yo

Chorus
*(Bridge

Ang bayang inibig mo,
ngayo'y
Umaawit
SA 'Yo ay sumasamba't
Nananalig
Umaasang diringgin ang bawat
Dalangin
Sa alay na ito'y nakalakip
Chorus

Coda
Ngayo'y nananalig (Umaasa),
dumudulog (Sumasamba)
Umaawit (Sumasamba), sa 'Yo

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

John Foley

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord
of all, one cup of blessing which
we bless and we, though many,
throughout the earth, we are
one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, Many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and
grown
Gathered to one for All.

GIVE THANKS

By Henryry Smith

Give Thanks With A Grateful
Heart
Give Thanks To The Holy One
Give Thanks Because He's Given
Jesus Christ, His Son
Give Thanks With A Grateful
Heart
Give Thanks To The Holy One
Give Thanks Because He's Given
Jesus Christ, His Son

**And Now Let The Weak Say, "I
Am Strong"
Let The Poor Say, "I Am Rich
Because Of What The Lord Has
Done For Us"
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